(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government has also proposed some encouraging steps to acquire lands for setting up new airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Only in respect of Patna, the Central Government has advised the State Government of Bihar to consider setting up of a greenfield airport at Patna and select a suitable site for it. The existing airport is unable to meet the demand and has severe infrastructural constraints.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not airse.

New airport project in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

483. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned any new airport projects in different States particularly in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof; and

(c) whether Government plans to develop any airport at Bhilwara?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No new airport project has been approved in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. New greenfield airports are coming up at Hyderabad and Bangalore in Public Private Partnership (PPP) and are expected to become operational during the current year.

'In-principle' approvals have also been accorded for new airports at Navi Mumbai airport in Maharashtra, Mopa in Goa and Kannur in Kerala. A proposal of U.P. Government to set up a greenfield airport at Jewar in Gautam Budha Nagar District is under consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

Modern airports in non-metros

484. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to build modern airports in non-metros; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating those that are proposed to be built in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up a upgradation/ modernisation project of 35 non-metro airports which include Bhubaneswar airport in Orissa. Construction of New Integrated Terminal Building, extension of apron for parking of more aircraft have been undertaken at Bhubaneswar airport.